

Outside Services in Assisted Living

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IDAHO RESIDENTIAL CARE OR ASSISTED LIVING ACT 39-3301

- . LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND DECLARATION. The purpose....is to provide a humane, safe, and homelike living arrangement for adults who need some assistance with activities of daily living and personal care but do not require the level of care identified under section 39-1301(b), other than for short exceptional stays..... 39-3349. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSPECTIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. The licensing agency shall inspect and provide technical assistance to residential care or assisted living facilities. The department may provide consulting services upon request to any residential care or assisted living facility to assist in the identification or correction of deficiencies and in the upgrading of the quality of care provided by the facility.



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Contracted Staff and Services in Assisted Living

Hospice and Home Health
Contracted Nursing
Agency Staffing



Hospice and HH Contract

- Applies to any agency providing services in the building
- Ensures coordination with AL staff
- Provide copies of Care Plan and Updates
- Provide copies of care notes



Hospice Home Health Contract

- Professional liability insurance
- Helps to assure only Qualified Staff are being used (Licensed, passed background check, infection control and abuse reporting)
- Establishes criteria for when resident is no longer appropriate for facility and each entity's role in ensuring a smooth transition



Hospice Home Health Contract

- ✓ Work collaboratively with AL staff
- ✓ Provide care plan and keep current
- ✓ Provide copies of care notes for resident chart
- ✓ Establish criteria for when resident is no longer appropriate for Facility and each entity's role in ensuring a smooth transition



Hospice Home Health Contract

- Admission Agreement
 - Exclusive agreements
 - Resident choice: HH or Hospice agency must be willing to sign a contract with the assisted living facility



Contract Nursing Services


- The Contract
- Written and signed by both parties
- Provides a clear and mutual understanding between the facility and the nurse of what the nurse is agreeing to do.



Assisted Living Nursing Duties

- 90 day assessments
- Changes of condition
- Response to Medications and Therapies
- Medication Orders
- Assess resident health status

Assisted Living Nursing Duties cont

- Recommendations
 - Follow-up on recommendations
 - Self Administration Assessment
 - Resident and facility staff Education
 - Delegation
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Contract Nursing Services

- Allow sufficient hours for nurse to complete all duties
- 24 hour availability for change of condition



Contract Nursing Services

- Facility Policies
 - How staff are to respond to medical situations
 - When nurse is not present
 - Delegation of new medications

Admission Agreement

- Disclosure to family



Using Agency Staff

- Contract Guarantees staff qualifications
 - Criminal background check
 - CPR
 - Age
 - Infection control training



Using Agency Staff

- staff qualifications cont.
 - Medication certification (if applicable)
 - Specialized Training
 - Agency responsible for personnel record
 - Availability of records to facility



Using Agency Staff – Facility Practices

Agency staff work under supervision until
oriented to facility/residents

Medication Aids

Certified

Facility nurse delegates

Familiar with residents

Safeguards

